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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 75, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For example, in the user interface scenario shown in FIG. 16A, query directives can be dragged onto the canvas and configured to generate the proper information. An analysis directive can analyze the results for a shortage condition. A condition branch is added for processing when a shortage is recognized. A distribution directive can notify the ~~affect~~ affected manager and gain approval to create a purchase order. Upon approval, a conditional branch can direct execution to a purchase order creation directive and an email or other notification to the supplier. Finally, a message can be sent to the approving manager that the approved action was taken.